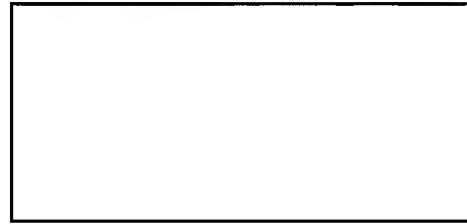


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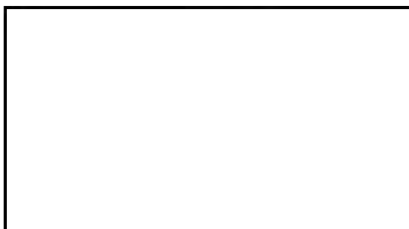
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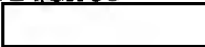
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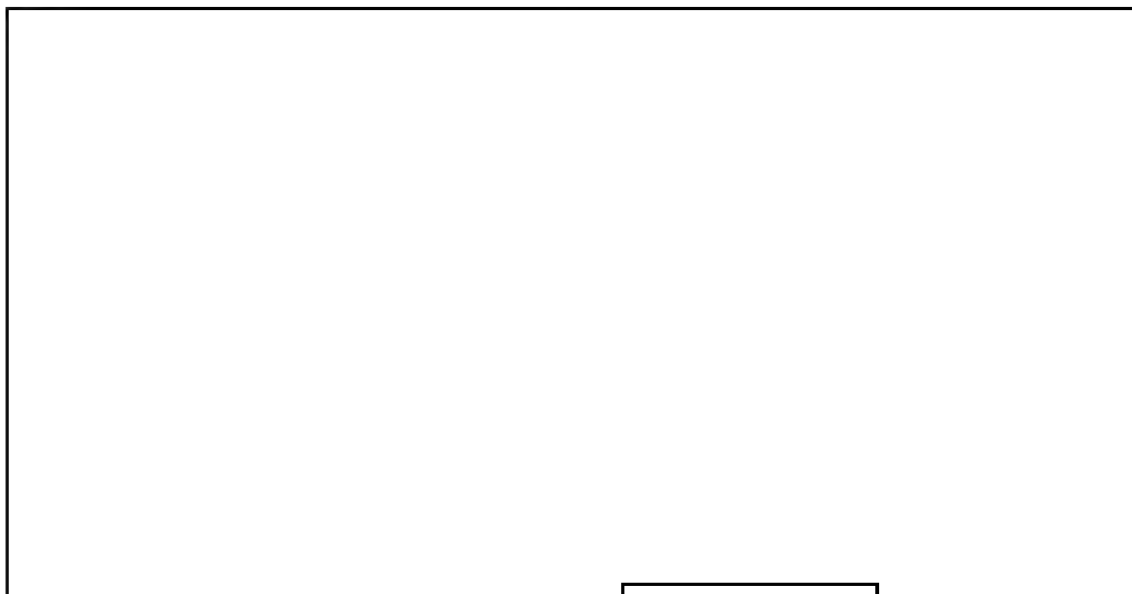
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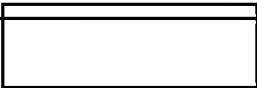
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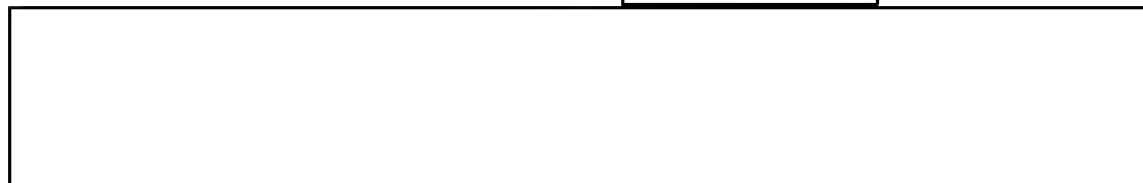
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THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR IN PARIS HAS TOLD HIS ITALIAN  
COUNTERPART THAT ROME MUST ENDORSE PEKING'S CLAIM TO  
SOVEREIGNTY OVER TAIWAN BEFORE ANY PROGRESS CAN BE  
MADE. SIMILAR CHINESE DEMANDS HAVE STALEMATED SINO-  
CANADIAN TALKS THAT BEGAN LAST MAY IN STOCKHOLM.

PEKING HAS AS YET SHOWN NO INCLINATION TO COM-  
PROMISE ITS BASIC POSITION. OTTAWA AND ROME ARE  
RELUCTANT TO MEET CHINA'S DEMAND, IN PART BECAUSE  
THEY HOPE TO RETAIN TRADE AND OTHER INFORMAL CON-  
TACTS WITH TAIWAN. AT PRESENT, ALL PARTIES SEEM  
RESIGNED TO A PROTRACTED PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS.

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ISRAEL-SYRIA: FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE ISRAELIS HAVE SHOWN SOME INTEREST IN SWAPPING THE TWO SYRIAN MIG PILOTS WHOM THEY HOLD FOR THE TWO ISRAELI PASSENGERS FROM THE TWA PLANE HIJACKED TO DAMASCUS LAST AUGUST BY ARAB FEDAYEEN. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IF SYRIA WOULD FIRST RELEASE THE ISRAELIS SOLELY ON US ASSURANCES THAT IT WOULD PRESS ISRAEL TO RELEASE THE PILOTS, THEN THE "US INFLUENCE WOULD BE EFFECTIVE." MOREOVER, ANOTHER HIGH ISRAELI OFFICIAL, WHILE REITERATING THE STANDARD OPPOSITION TO ANY EXCHANGE, SEEMED TO SEE SOME MERIT IN THE ARGUMENT THAT SUCH A SWAP WOULD INVOLVE NO GAIN TO THE HIJACKERS. [REDACTED]

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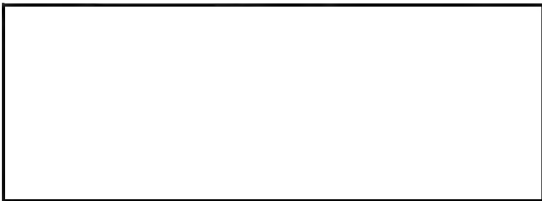
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